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# News Release

## **MASSACHUSETTS PREDATOR ARRESTED BY ICE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

*Predator pleaded guilty to raping a child*

MANCHESTER, NH—A 44-year-old predator convicted of raping a child was arrested here Tuesday by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agents.

Inthavong Somsy, a citizen of Laos, pleaded guilty to raping a child in a Middlesex superior court in Massachusetts in Feb. 1990. The victim was under the age of 16 at the time. Somsy received a one-year sentence, with six months to serve.

ICE arrested Somsy after identifying him as a predator and initiated removal proceedings against him based upon his criminal conviction. He is currently in ICE custody at the Rockingham County Jail.

“Crimes against children are reprehensible,” said Robin M. Avers special agent-in-charge of ICE in New England. “ICE is committed to pursuing predators who are a public safety threat to our society’s most vulnerable- our children- and removing these dangerous criminals from the U.S.”

This arrest is part of a nationwide initiative known as Operation Predator. Operation Predator protects our children from sexual predators, including those who travel across continents to have sex with minors. Internet child pornographers and criminal alien sex offenders and child traffickers are also a priority for ICE. Since the initiative was launched in July of 2003, there have been more than (5,600) individuals arrested nationwide.

ICE encourages anyone who wants to report suspicious activity of suspected child predators and suspicious activity through our toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. Investigators staff this hotline around the clock.

Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, and Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

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